

**Town of Mansfield
Special Traffic Authority Meeting
June 30, 2015 11:00 am
Approved Minutes**

Present – J. Carrington, L. Painter, F. Raiola, Sgt. R. Cournoyer, B. LaVoie (11:40), M. Hart (11:05), D. Dilaj (note Hart and Raiola left at 12:00 pm)

Absent- none

Guests – G. Burnham (Milton C. Beebe & Sons), K. Green (property owner), K. Paterson (MDP), P. DeSiato (property owner); B. Thorne (property owner), B. Kerensky (Leland Alliance), K. DeLany (The Oaks), R. McNamara (Center Plan), S. Fazzina (property owner)

Approval of 5/26/15 Minutes; – Motion made by Raiola, seconded by Painter to approve the minutes of 5/26/15. Passed unanimously.

Business

No.	Item	Action/Disposition
1	Jay Walking near Dog Lane	Carrington talked to ConnDot. ConnDOT/OSTA not willing to budge for additional crosswalk. Carrington will have follow up conversation with contact person. C. van Zelm to write letter to DOT. Van Zelm sent follow up letter to Sawicki at DOT. Letter received from DOT stating it's a not feasible. Carrington to write letter to DOT addressing each item in letter. Continue under old business.
2	Mansfield Hollow Road Bus Stop	Patenaude talked to Bailey at the bus garage – bus still cannot make turn. Patenaude to e-mail Painter to see if she contacted Favretti for any historic meaning to the island. L. Patenaude to send e-mail to G. Bruhn to advise us of the Public Hearing details so BOE, Durham Bus Services and Traffic Authority can attend. LeClerc addressed pulling it from the agenda unless it becomes an issue in the fall. Will remove new Supt to start in the summer.
3	No Parking Signs on Browns Road (J. Kaufman)	Resident at 12 September concerned about parking in front of their house for access to Nipmuck trail. J. Kaufman to contact resident and arrange an on-site meeting to go over issues. Patenaude to contact Kaufman for an update. Resident was due back in town late December. LaVoie, Kaufman and property owner met. Contacted Trail System – signs will be installed.

4	Route 275 and 195 Cat Tracking	Street lamp hit twice on the corner within a six week period. Suggestions from Committee was to possibly use a reflective strip on the light, move lamp to the north. Dilaj to check and come back to Committee with recommendations. ConnDot would not authorize cat tracking. J. O'Connor from DOT stated both accidents were not due to the lack of cat tracking. Carrington to look into possibly reflective material on the median and to take pictures of the cat tracking at Routes 32 and 195. Carrington sent e-mail with pictures. Ohlund following up with DOT. Keep as old business.
5	Agriculture Signs Throughout Town (K. Paterson)	K. Paterson representing the Agriculture Committee is requesting agriculture signs be posted in multiple areas (due to an accident between a farm vehicle and a motor vehicle). It was requested that the Agriculture Committee come back to the Traffic Authority with a list of areas and that they be prioritized in order of need. Patenaude submitted e-mail with prices for signs. Paterson distributed list of streets that the Ag Committee would like to see signs on. Ag Committee needs to prioritize. General consensus of Committee was if there are too many signs, they have a tendency not to get read. Traffic data will be examined in these areas. Leave as old business.
6	Scoping for the University of Connecticut South Campus Development (L. Painter)	L. Painter presented the new scoping notice to the Traffic Authority with an addition to the Fine Arts building and as part of the scoping road closures are involved. Presentation to be done on March 11th with full comments to the project needed by March 19 th . Traffic Authority expressed concerns with the road closures and its impact on pedestrian and vehicular traffic on Route 195. Traffic Authority will need to be kept apprised of all impacts throughout the project. Keep as old business.

7	<p>Move Handicapped Spaces (Storrs Road, Royce Circle) (C. van Zelm) /</p> <p>CVS Loading Zone as Permanent Loading Zone (C. van Zelm) /</p> <p>Striping Area for Buses Outside of Transportation Center (C. van Zelm)</p>	<p>Tenants are concerned the handicapped spaces on the end are not getting cleared from snow. Storrs Road – painting the lines differently would help (flip with the regular space); Royce Circle – curb lines were done specifically for handicapped spots. Possibly make whole area handicapped for the winter with a temporary sign. Plow handicapped spaces during storms. Keep as old business combined with items 11 and 12.</p> <p>Leland hired someone for parking enforcement. Continue to monitor until Phase 2 is done and repairs are made from the construction work. No striping now – continue enforcement as planned. Keep as old business combined with Items 10 and 12.</p> <p>People are parking in the bus spots. Parking enforcement to be done – striping will not be done now. Keep as old business combined with items 10 and 11.</p>
8	Ravine Road (K. Green)	<p>Road is temporarily closed to thru traffic. CL&P has an easement for the power lines. Research to be done for CL&P easement and to check with Town Attorney for abandoning/liability of a Town road. Mr. Drake Smith attended the 5/26/15 meeting with his concerns on keeping the road closed and suggested making the road a One Way Road. The Traffic Authority will bring this up at the next meeting. K. Green expressed there are more issues with her property with the road closed than there were with it open. She is fine with closing it permanently. Waiting to hear back from attorney regarding discontinuing or abandoning roads. Keep as old business.</p>
9	Plains Road Bridge (K. Green)	<p>K. Green would like a fence on top of the bridge sides to curb the activity on the bridge deck. Problem with that is that it is costly and the only feasible bridge sides would be suicide sides which take approximately three feet away from plowing space. Sgt. Cournoyer will have troopers start monitoring more which will slowly make the activity go away. Dilaj will check out fencing and other options. P. DeSiato stated that there was a trooper at the site the previous evening telling people to leave the bridge. R. Cournoyer told him to keep calling troopers to report down there if he sees any activity. Keep as old business.</p>
10	Road Adjacent to Moe's Make Private/One Way Road	<p>Private Road in back to make one way. Will need to go to PZC as it's a modification to the plan. Entrance would be the 195 end. C. van Zelm to contact K. Delany (Manager of The Oaks. Willi Waste will have to make sure they have dumpster access. Keep as old business.</p>

11	Additional Handicapped on Royce Circle	Colleen Shashok (on behalf of Janibeth Johnson) read a letter Ms. Johnson wrote about the lack of handicapped spaces in the vicinity of the UConn Health Center and the UConn Dental Offices. Van Zelm will set up a meeting with the UConn Health Center and Carrington to express the public's concern about the lack of the handicapped parking. Extra spaces were given for the Health Center in the Garage. Keep as old business.
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NEW BUSINESS

12	Celebrate Mansfield Parade – September 20, 2015 (K. Paterson)	K. Paterson distributed parade route stating it was the same as last year Road to close at 11:45 – should be finished no later than 1:00 p.m. Motion made by Raiola, seconded by Dilaj to approve with the usual conditions. Passed unanimously.
13	Hidden Drive Sign 362 Gurleyville Road (J. Roach)	Due to the fact that Hidden Drive is no longer a recognized sign the Traffic Authority voted not to reinstall the sign. Patenaude to contact J. Roach.
14	7 th Annual Ride/Walk Art and Health Event – Roots of Development – September 27, 2015 (M. Bissonnette)	Motion made by Painter, seconded by Cournoyer to approve event subject to event conditions and operational plan. Passed unanimously.
15	Traffic Issues – Intersections of Gurleyville Road and Bundy Lane and Bundy Lane and Farrell Road (S. Farrina and B. Thorne)	B. Thorne requested to table the Bundy Lane and Farrell Road portion to a future meeting. It will be on the August meeting agenda. S. Farrina spoke about the increase in traffic at the Gurleyville Road and Bundy Lane intersection. Requested that a three way stop be put into curtail speeding on the Gurleyville portion of the road. Traffic counts and data will be collected. Keep as old business.
16	Parking Spaces Around Phase 2 for New Residents/Move in Traffic (K. DeLany)	K. DeLany handed out an updated letter and map for move in dates and times. Motion made by Painter, seconded by Hart to approve the move in dates/times with the stipulation that a corrected map to be provided with the update in parking spaces. Passed unanimously.
17	Extension of Closing Wilbur Cross Way until July 30, 2015 (B. Kerensky)	Question came up that the July 30 th is a Thursday and did the Committee just want to close it until Friday, July 31 st . Discussion followed that there would be a walk thru early on the 31 st to make sure all Building and Fire codes were met and that the road would be open on the 31 st at 11 a.m. Motion made by Painter, seconded by Raiola to approve extending the closing of Wilbur Cross Way to July 30, 2015. Passed unanimously.

18	Turtle Crossing Signs – Hanks Hill Road (T. Gorin)	Mr. Gorin is concerned about the number of turtles being hit by motor vehicles on Hanks Hill Road and is requesting the approval of the Committee to install Turtle Crossing signs. Discussion followed and the consensus was when the road is repaved to make alternate routes (possible under the road) for the turtles to cross the road. Patenaude to send e-mail.
19	Sanitary Sewer Work (Oak Hill Road and Gurleyville Road) (G. Burnham – Beebe & Sons)	This is to replace the asbestos pipe at Oak Hill/Willowbrook Roads. Construction will take place during the day with the road closure and then paved over for night access. Trenching will also take place at Gurleyville/Horsebarn Hill Roads with one way alternating vehicle traffic during the day and paved over at night. Painter wanted to know if abutters were notified, Dilaj to provide a list. Cournoyer requested that the work be done at night due to the amount of construction going on on Route 195. Motion made by Dilaj, seconded by Raiola to approve the closure during the day on Oak Hill Road and alternating traffic on Gurleyville Road and to coordinate with Engineering on the status of the road. Passed unanimously with one opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS

Adjournment –Carrington adjourned the meeting at 12:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Patenaude
Public Works Specialist